

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on April 17, 2009 at
9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 36, 4/7/2009

Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON SR 36

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:30 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SR 36, Confirm director of revenue.

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:13 Bruce Nelson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

00:07:01 John Fitzpatrick, representing NorthWestern Energy

00:09:14 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a04\)](#)

00:16:47 Speaker Bob Bergren, HD 33

00:18:16 Anna Whiting Sorrell, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:22:27 Mark Staples, representing Montana Tavern Owners Association (MTOA)

00:26:04 Samantha Sanchez, former taxation professor

00:27:52 Tom Bilodeau, Research Director, MEA/MFT

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a06\)](#)

00:30:20 Claudia Clifford, representing AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a07\)](#)

00:31:39 Darryl Jones, representing City of Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a08\)](#)

00:32:17 Don Judge, self

00:34:48 Former State Senator Jim Elliott

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a09\)](#)

00:40:43 Michael O'Neil, Montana Home Choice Coalition

00:42:20 Tara Veazy, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a11\)](#)

00:46:07 Bob Decker, The Policy Institute, Helena

00:55:59 Lt. Governor John Bohlinger, speaking as former member of Senate Taxation Committee

[EXHIBIT\(tas82a12\)](#)

Written testimony provided to Taxation Committee (Coleen Grant; J. Treasa Glinwater; Brenda Erdelyi; Brian Upton; Angela Goodhope; Karen Reeves; Jason Wiener; Patricia Dowd; and, Kimberly Buchanan)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:57:51 William Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas & Coal Counties, Inc. speaking for some counties in said association, also speaking for David L. Pippen, Valley County Commissioner

EXHIBIT(tas82a13)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:48 Sen. Black
 01:02:33 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy
 01:03:08 Sen. Erickson
 01:04:07 Dan Bucks, DOR
 01:08:10 Sen. Brown
 01:08:37 Dan Bucks
 01:11:33 Sen. Brown
 01:12:28 Dan Bucks
 01:15:56 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:16:31 Dan Bucks
 01:18:30 Sen. Black
 01:18:56 Mark Staples (MTOA)
 01:19:57 Sen. Black
 01:20:17 Sen. Tutvedt
 01:20:32 Dan Bucks
 01:21:57 Sen. Tutvedt
 01:22:18 Dan Bucks
 01:22:52 Sen. Black
 01:23:48 Dan Bucks
 01:25:56 Sen. Black
 01:26:27 Dan Bucks
 01:29:07 Sen. Story
 01:29:40 Dan Bucks
 01:34:16 Sen. Story
 01:34:25 Dan Bucks
 01:38:32 Sen. Story
 01:39:13 Dan Bucks
 01:43:03 Sen. Gebhardt
 01:43:20 Dan Bucks
 01:44:55 Sen. Hamlett
 01:46:08 Dan Bucks
 01:47:06 Sen. Hamlett
 01:47:26 Dan Bucks
 01:49:41 Sen. Black
 01:50:07 Dan Bucks
 01:51:44 Sen. Story
 01:52:27 Dan Bucks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: (Con't)

01:54:55 Sen. Essmann
01:55:46 Dan Bucks
02:01:32 Sen. Essmann
02:01:47 Dan Bucks
02:03:57 Sen. Essmann
02:04:17 Dan Bucks
02:04:25 Sen. Gebhardt
02:05:55 Dan Bucks

Closing by Director Bucks:

02:09:59 Dan Bucks

Closing by Sponsor:

02:10:58 Sen. Gillan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:20 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tas82aad.pdf](#))